Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Bible has been a constant source of moral and spiritual guidance for many people through the centuries; and,

Whereas, The Bible has profoundly influenced art, literature, music, and codes of law; and,

Whereas, The Bible has motivated many acts of compassion and charity; and,

Whereas, The Bible continues to provide inspiration, hope, and comfort for millions of Americans today; and,

Whereas, For 63 years, men and women of many faiths have banded together with the National Bible Association to sponsor National Bible Week as a time to be reminded of the Bible's unique place in American life; and,

Whereas, This annual celebration has encouraged the reading of the Bible:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 23-30, 2003, as

BIBLE WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State